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Dear producers and other data users:

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Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in May was 98, based on 1990-92=100, up 3 points (3.2 percent) from the revised April index. Higher prices for broilers, potatoes, hogs, and oranges more than offset lower prices for lettuce, cattle, milk, and cucumbers. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher marketings for cantaloupe, grapes, sweet

corn, and peaches more than offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, apples and asparagus.

Compared with May last year, the United States All Farm Products Index was down 10 points (9.3 percent). Lower prices for broilers, hogs, cattle and cucumbers more than offset higher prices for potatoes, strawberries, corn, and soybeans.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary May 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		May 2001 ¹	April 2002 ¹	May 15, 2002	May 2001 ¹	April 2002 ¹	May 15, 2002	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
<i>Dollars</i>					<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	2.90	2.73	2.72	2.98	2.84	2.80	29	9.50
Corn	Bushel	1.81	1.85	1.95	1.82	1.91	1.97	31	6.43
Oats	Bushel	1.73	1.92	1.90	1.28	1.98	2.02	52	3.92
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	3.27	3.16	3.30	3.21	3.14	3.24	30	10.90
Soybeans	Bushel	4.16	4.37	4.55	4.33	4.47	4.62	33	14.10
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	80.00	59.00	60.00	107.00	99.90	102.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	82.00	61.00	62.00	113.00	106.00	108.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	75.00	52.00	54.00	81.30	78.70	76.70		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	15.60	20.10	20.20	16.90	27.20	27.50	58	47.60
Hogs	Cwt	52.50	34.50	36.90	50.40	31.80	34.50	34	101.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	52.80	34.70	37.20	51.20	32.10	35.00		
Sows	Cwt	38.00	25.10	24.30	38.70	25.20	23.80		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	74.00	70.20	68.30	73.60	67.20	66.10	42	157.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	75.00	71.10	69.20	77.40	70.60	69.30		
Cows	Cwt	43.00	39.80	39.40	43.70	40.10	40.20		
Calves	Cwt	110.00	103.00	98.00	111.00	100.00	98.90	48	208.00
Sheep	Cwt	36.80	22.80		36.30	27.80			75.00
Lambs	Cwt	85.00	70.20		80.00	64.30			177.00

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Parity price based on data for May 2002.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices May 31, 2002.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs Per Litter, and Pig Crop,
United States December-November 2001-2002 ^{1 2}**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec ¹	901	924	8.66	8.66	7,803	8,005
Jan	906	943	8.71	8.71	7,887	8,214
Feb	941	965	8.79	8.80	8,273	8,492
Mar	959	973	8.87	8.83	8,503	8,590
Apr	953	965	8.90	8.88	8,481	8,569
May	958		8.90		8,525	
Jun	963		8.85		8,526	
Jul	961		8.87		8,522	
Aug	954		8.90		8,491	
Sep	966		8.75		8,448	
Oct	950		8.78		8,344	
Nov	930		8.80		8,180	
Total	11,342		8.81		99,983	

¹ December preceding year.

² Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Monthly Hogs and Pigs, May 31, 2002.

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and
United States, April 2002 with Comparisons**

Item	2001	2002	2002/2001
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.6	11.4	98
30 States	316.2	314.2	99
United States	337.1	335.8	100
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	249	238	96
30 States	6,651	6,639	100
United States	7,099	7,081	100
Chickens Hatched, April			
United States			
Egg-type	42.8	38.2	89
Broiler	755.5	765.0	101
Hatched thru April			
Egg-type	158.3	144.8	91
Broiler	2,955.1	3,033.6	103

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, May 21, 2002.

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity,
Nebraska and United States,
April 2002 with Comparisons**

Item	Total ¹	Apr 2002 Percent of	
		April 2001	March 2002
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	640.8	115	111
Hogs, head	574.2	108	104
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	611.1	119	108
United States			
Cattle, head	2,948.0	109	108
Calves, head	82.0	110	106
Hogs, head	8,427.6	108	106
Sheep & Lambs, head	278.3	96	86
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,901.9	111	106

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, May 24, 2002.

Milk Cows: Inventory, by District, Nebraska, January 1, 2000-2002

District	2000	2001	2002
		<i>Head</i>	
Northwest	600	500	400
North	7,300	6,500	5,600
Northeast	28,300	26,100	25,100
Central	6,500	7,500	6,300
East	11,000	12,900	12,100
Southwest	4,500	4,400	4,300
South	3,700	5,200	3,500
Southeast	14,100	11,900	10,700
Nebraska	76,000	75,000	68,000

Source: USDA NASS

Meat Animals Production, Disposition, and Income

Production, Disposition, and Income: Cattle and Calves, Nebraska and United States, 2000-2001

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition ¹					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2000	2001	2000	2001		2000	2001	2000	2001
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory,					Production ⁴				
January 1	6,650	6,600	98,198	97,277	Million lbs	4,405.0	4,335.3	42,841.6	42,365.5
Calf Crop	1,840	1,820	38,631	38,280	Marketings ⁵				
Inshipments	4,050	3,850	23,452	21,820	Million lbs	7,134.8	6,965.5	57,396.1	55,349.5
Marketings ²					Price per cwt.				
Cattle	5,692	5,603	48,702	46,663	Cattle \$	69.10	72.60	68.60	71.30
Calves	86	85	10,002	9,605	Calves \$	106.00	108.00	104.00	106.00
Farm slaughter ³	2	2	203	194	Value of Production				
Deaths					Million \$	2,551.6	2,711.1	28,391.9	29,267.3
Cattle	85	85	1,711	1,723	Cash Receipts ⁶				
Calves	75	95	2,386	2,488	Million \$	4,941.1	5,066.8	40,711.0	40,439.9
Inventory,					Gross Income ⁷				
End of Year	6,600	6,400	97,277	96,704	Million \$	4,949.6	5,075.6	41,077.8	40,802.7

Production, Disposition, and Income: Hogs and Pigs, Nebraska and United States, 2000-2001

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition ¹					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2000	2001	2000	2001		2000	2001	2000	2001
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory, December 1					Production ⁴				
Previous Year	3,000	3,050	59,342	59,138	Million lbs	1,491.4	1,450.1	25,730.2	25,936.8
Pig Crop (Dec - Nov)	5,525	5,373	100,748	99,983	Marketings ⁵				
Inshipments	730	750	24,525	26,920	Million lbs	1,530.2	1,503.8	26,716.0	26,893.2
Marketings ²	5,964	6,012	118,541	119,558	Average Price				
Farm slaughter ³	1	1	125	119	per cwt. \$	44.30	46.30	42.30	44.30
Deaths	240	260	6,811	7,290	Value of Production				
Inventory					Million \$ ⁸	641.8	665.3	10,817.5	11,442.2
December 1	3,050	2,900	59,138	59,074	Cash Receipts ^{6,8}				
					Million \$	682.2	711.3	11,803.0	12,455.8
					Gross Income ⁷				
					Million \$	683.3	712.5	11,837.8	12,491.5

Production, Disposition, and Income: Sheep and Lambs, Nebraska and United States, 2000-2001

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition ¹					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2000	2001	2000	2001		2000	2001	2000	2001
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory					Production ⁴				
January 1 ⁹	102	114	7,032	6,965	Million lbs	11.7	10.4	508.9	498.8
Lamb Crop	102	86	4,622	4,495	Marketings ⁵				
Inshipments	65	57	1,763	1,543	Million lbs	15.6	17.2	649.1	641.2
Marketings ²					Price per cwt.				
Sheep	25	51	788	713	Sheep \$	34.60	34.50	34.30	34.60
Lambs	108.5	91.6	4,827	4,797	Lambs \$	76.20	61.20	79.80	66.90
Farm slaughter ³	.5	.4	69	66	Value of Production				
Deaths					Million \$	7.7	5.4	361.2	300.0
Sheep	7	4	282	270	Cash Receipts ⁶				
Lambs	14	9	486	471	Million \$	10.4	8.6	470.2	397.6
Inventory					Gross Income ⁷				
End of Year ⁹	114	101	6,965	6,685	Million \$	10.4	8.7	479.6	405.8

¹ Balance sheet estimates. ² Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and state outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the State. ³ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments. ⁴ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments. ⁵ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State. ⁶ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. ⁷ Difference between gross income and cash receipts equals value of home consumption. ⁸ Includes allowance for higher average price of State inshipments and outshipments of feeder pigs. ⁹ Includes new crop lambs.

Source: USDA NASS Meat Animals Production, Disposition, and Income 2001 Summary, April 26, 2002.

**Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers,
Selected Regions and United States, April 8-14, 2001 & April 7-13, 2002 ¹**

Region ²	Hired Workers		Wage Rates							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
	2001	2002			Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars per hour</i>							
Lake	43	55	9.57	9.88	8.93	9.43	8.82	8.44	8.87	9.01
Cornbelt I	51	43	8.62	9.23	8.09	8.59	8.69	8.90	8.23	8.70
Cornbelt II	21	27	8.80	9.34	8.19	7.84	8.55	9.82	8.41	8.89
Northern Plains	37	37	8.89	9.22	8.21	8.48	8.20	8.06	8.20	8.31
Southern Plains	77	60	7.86	7.95	7.10	6.92	7.71	7.78	7.33	7.31
Mountain I	23	28	7.48	8.00	7.11	7.55	7.16	7.92	7.14	7.80
Mountain II	29	25	7.99	8.95	7.37	8.06	7.58	8.58	7.44	8.26
United States	804	890	8.31	8.83	7.61	8.06	8.01	8.43	7.71	8.15

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers.

² Regions consist of the following: Lake: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Cornbelt I: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio; Cornbelt II: Iowa, Missouri; Northern Plains: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota; Southern Plains: Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain I: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; Mountain II: Colorado, Nevada, Utah.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, May 17, 2002.

**All Hired Workers: Wage Rates, by Economic Class of Farm
by Region and 48 States, April 8-14, 2001 & April 7-13, 2002¹**

Region ²	April 8-14, 2001					April 7-13, 2002				
	Less than \$40,000	\$40,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000 & over	All Farms	Less than \$40,000	\$40,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000 & over	All Farms
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>									
Northeast	7.41	7.51	8.81	9.01	8.72	7.81	7.85	7.53	9.50	8.99
Appalachian	6.58	7.33	7.81	7.60	7.52	7.50	7.84	7.69	8.47	8.15
Southeast	7.51	7.93	7.38	8.26	8.10	6.30	7.56	8.47	8.36	8.27
Lake	9.95	³	7.79	10.07	9.57	11.49	9.97	7.97	9.73	9.88
Cornbelt	8.97	³	7.95	8.83	8.67	9.59	³	8.43	9.83	9.27
Delta	6.77	5.71	7.37	7.35	7.09	7.46	³	8.25	7.26	7.50
No. Plains	9.85	³	7.90	9.09	8.89	³	8.92	7.23	9.79	9.22
So. Plains	7.89	7.62	8.37	7.79	7.86	8.02	7.33	7.23	8.23	7.95
Mountain	7.98	7.24	6.81	7.82	7.66	7.44	7.58	7.95	8.55	8.35
Pacific	9.16	8.45	8.23	8.56	8.54	³	9.87	8.70	9.10	9.12
48 States	7.84	7.82	7.88	8.49	8.29	8.67	8.32	8.11	9.00	8.81

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers. ² Regions consist of: Northeast: CT, DE, MD, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV. Southeast: AL, FL, GA, SC. Lake: MI, MN, WI. Cornbelt: IA, IL, IN, MO, OH. Delta: AR, LA, MS. Northern Plains: KS, NE, ND, SD. Southern Plains: OK, TX. Mountain: AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, WY.

Pacific: CA, OR, WA. 48 States: All States, excluding AK and HI. ³ Insufficient data.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, May 17, 2002.

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